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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF)	
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PETITION TO ADD RULE 38(j),)	SUPREME COURT NO. R-
REGARDING ADMISSION TO)	
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA)	COMMENT TO PETITION TO ADD
)	RULE 38(j), REGARDING ADMISSION
)	TO THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA
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Pursuant to Rule 28(D), Rules of the Supreme Court, the undersigned respectfully submits this Comment for the Court's Consideration.

The National Military Family Association supports the Rule Change Petition adding Rule 38(j) regarding admission to the State Bar of Arizona for qualified military spouse attorneys.

The National Military Family Association is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose goal is to influence the development and implementation of policies that will improve the lives of the families of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For more than 40 years, our staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation for being the leading experts on military family issues.

Our Association has long advocated for portable career opportunities for military spouses. Military spouses are more educated than their civilian counterparts and are actively pursuing careers. Demographic reports of military spouses show that 85% of military spouses need or want a career¹, 84% of military spouses have some college

¹ Military Family Life Project 2010

education, 25% of military spouses have a Bachelor's degree, and 10% of military spouses have an advanced degree.² Yet, even with a portable career, many military spouses experience license and credential challenges when they move with their service member from one location to the next.

The National Military Family Association applauds the efforts of the Military Spouse JD Network and is pleased the Arizona State Bar is considering the adoption of Rule 38 (j). With a mobile lifestyle and high-operation tempo, it is difficult for military spouses to have each state-required prerequisite for employment within a particular career field. Your consideration of this Rule will permit military spouses to start working as soon as possible after they move.

Military families want to fully integrate into their new community and you can show support for military families by considering alternative licensing arrangements which will help military spouses become employed.

We appreciate your support of military families. Should you have any questions, our contact is Kathleen Moakler, Government Relations Director at KMoakler@MilitaryFamily.org.



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² Defense Manpower Data Center, 2008 Survey of Active Duty Spouses. February 2009